

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are the claims that have been examined in the application. Claims 10-14 and 15-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1-10, 15 and 23-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Humpleman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,243,707), hereafter "Humpleman". Claims 11-14 and 16-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Humpleman as applied to claims 1-10 above, and further in view of what was well known in the art at the time of the invention.

By this Amendment, Applicant hereby amends claims 10, 11, 14, 15 and 22.

Preliminary Matters

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for foreign priority and that the certified copy of the priority document has been received.

Applicant also thanks the Examiner for considering and initialing the references submitted in the Information Disclosure Statements filed June 28, 2005 and May 10, 2006.

Additionally, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner indicate that the drawings filed January 23, 2004 are acceptable in the next office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 10-14 and 15-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner has noted deficiencies in claims 10, 11, 15 and 22. Applicant hereby amends claims 10, 11, 14, 15 and 22 in order cure the noted deficiencies. Withdrawal of the rejection is hereby respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-10, 15 and 23-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Humpleman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,243,707), hereafter "Humpleman".

Claim 1 recites, in part, "a storage unit which stores a remote control service list information which represents a function responding to a remote controller of the respective devices connected in the network." The Examiner alleges that Humpleman discloses all of the elements of claim 1. Specifically, the Examiner alleges that column 4, lines 54-63 discloses the recited interface, column 7, lines 38-48 discloses the recited storage unit, and column 7, lines 38-48 and column 14, lines 21-34 discloses the recited control unit. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Humpleman discloses a method and apparatus for creating home network macros. In particular, Humpleman discloses a system for connecting a number of devices, such that each of the devices uses a particular interface, and may be controlled and receive commands from a central unit. Each device sends HTML files containing a graphical user interface (GUI), and

control and command information, to a digital TV (DTV) to be displayed to a user. However, there is no indication that this information is stored in a storage unit as recited in claim 1. Rather, the digital television disclosed in Humpleman displays the GUI without knowing any specific details about the particular device. See col. 7, lines 4-8 of Humpleman. Thus, Humpleman cannot disclose a storage unit which "stores a remote control service list information ... of the respective devices," as recited in claim 1. Claim 1 is thus patentable over the applied art.

Claims 2-10, 15 and 23-24 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency from claim 1.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 11-14 and 16-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Humpleman as applied to claims 1-10 above, and further in view of what was well known in the art at the time of the invention.

Claims 11-14 and 16-22 are dependent from claim 1. Because Humpleman fails to disclose all of the aspects of claim 1, and because what was well known in the art fails to cure the deficient disclosure of Humpleman, claims 11-14 and 16-22 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency from claim 1.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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